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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

 Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Masayoshi TAKAHASHI and Yoshitaka YAMAMOTO  
 MAKING GAS HYDRATE UTILIZING ULTRAFINE BUBBLES AND  
 ULTRA-PARTICULATE GAS HYDRATE  
**Assignee:** NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL  
 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Our Ref. Q79574

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	18	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3	-	3	=	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

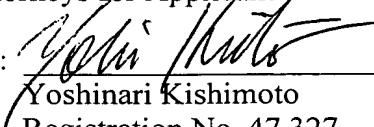
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2003-057688	March 4, 2003

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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